



# MacBook Air 13" Mid 2012 Solid-State Drive Replacement

Replace the solid state drive in your MacBook Air 13" Mid 2012.

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## INTRODUCTION

Use this guide to replace your Air's solid state hard drive.



### TOOLS:

- [P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)
- [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)



### PARTS:

- [Macbook Air 11" and 13" \(Mid 2012\) SSD](#) (1)  
64 GB
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128 GB
- [Macbook Air 11" and 13" \(Mid 2012\) SSD](#) (1)  
256 GB
- [Macbook Air 11" and 13" \(Mid 2012\) SSD](#) (1)  
512 GB

## Step 1 — Lower Case



- **Before proceeding, power down your machine. Close the display and lay it on a soft surface top-side down.**
- Remove the following ten screws:
  - Two 9 mm P5 Pentalobe screws
  - Eight 2.6 mm P5 Pentalobe screws
- The special screwdriver needed to remove the ten 5-point Pentalobe screws can be found [here](#).

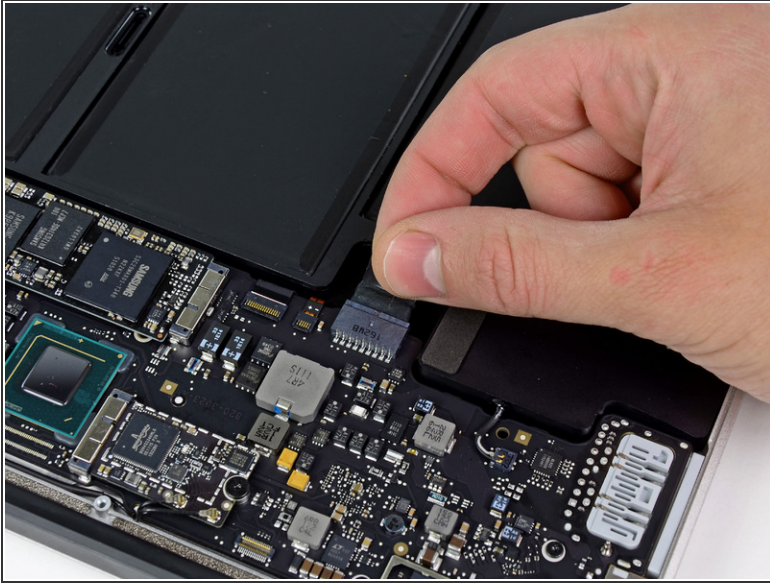
## Step 2



- Wedge your fingers between the display and the lower case and pull upward to pop the lower case off the Air.
- Remove the lower case and set it aside.

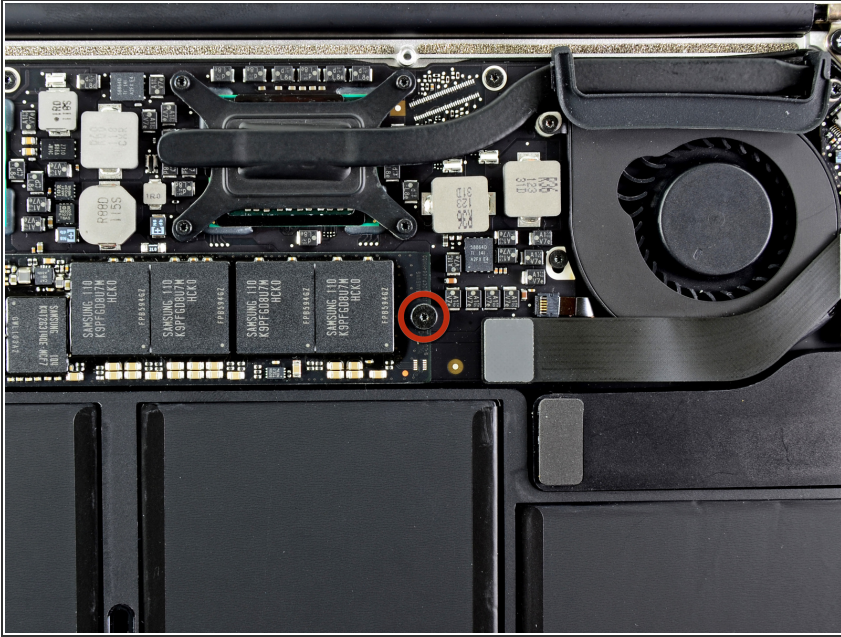


## Step 3 — Battery Connector



- i** As a precaution against accidental discharge or shock, disconnect the battery connector from the logic board.
- Grab the clear plastic pull tab attached to the battery connector and pull it toward the front edge of the Air to disconnect the battery from the logic board.
- !** Be sure to pull the connector horizontally toward the battery, and not straight up from the Air, or you may damage the socket on the logic board.

## Step 4 — Solid-State Drive



- Remove the single 2.9 mm T5 Torx screw securing the SSD to the logic board.

## Step 5



⚠ To avoid damaging its socket, do not lift the end of the SSD excessively.

- Slightly lift up the end of the SSD and pull it straight out of its socket on the logic board.

☑ When reinstalling the SSD, be sure it is properly seated before reinstalling its retaining screw.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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